

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, paragraph [01], with the following amended paragraph:

[01] This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/976,927, now abandoned, filed October 11, 2001, which claims priority to provisional Applications Nos. 60/240,109 entitled Diffusion Barriers Comprising A Self-Assembled Monolayer naming G. Ramanath, Ahila Krishnamoorthy, Kaushik Chanda and Shyam P. Murarka as inventors and filed Oct. 12, 2000 and 60/244,160 entitled Diffusion Barriers Comprising A Self-Assembled Monolayer naming G. Ramanath, Ahila Krishnamoorthy, Kaushik Chanda and Shyam P. Murarka as inventors and filed Oct. 27, 2000. These applications are incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth herein in full.